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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/749,727) Group Art Unit: 2879
Filed: December 28, 2000)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) January 8, 2004

Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed initially with examination of Species II, of which Claims 22-43 and 45 are readable thereon.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 8, 2004.

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January 8, 2004

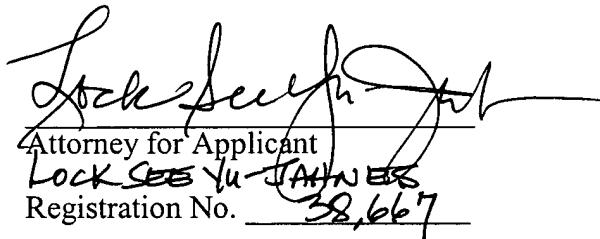
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Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable examination on the merits of the elected claims.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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